



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Wednesday, July 25, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-3511)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaño, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Susan Burton

Excused: Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Call to Order. (12-3415)

Chairperson Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Montaño led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the July 18, 2012 Minutes. (12-3416)

On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, unanimously carried, the minutes of July 18, 2012 were approved.

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II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on Various Items for July 25, 2012. (12-3421)

Chairperson Montaño shared the following Newspaper Article with the Commissioners:

Daily Breeze:

- **County Jails Running Near Capacity (July 23, 2012)**

Following discussion, Commissioner Andrews shared with the Commission, his recent experience with a highway patrol officer during a minor car accident. He expressed that the officer was very rude and became unnecessarily very aggressive toward him for no apparent reason. Commissioner Andrews described his overall experience with the officer as very unfavorable.

Furthermore, Commissioner Andrews suggested that as a follow-up to the Commission's dissatisfactory findings during their visit and inspection of the Men's Central Jail on July 12, 2012, the Commission should look into the state of the jail's financial records management.

Commissioner Burton also expressed that she suspects that the families of the inmates are being exploited financially, whenever the inmates try to contact their families via telephone. She described an instance where a family member of an inmate was advised that a \$25.00 hold will be placed on their credit card upon acceptance of a phone call from the inmate. She further expressed that her concern is that at the conclusion of the phone calls, the \$25.00 is charged to the families' credit card account whether or not the call was worth that much. Commissioner Burton therefore, recommended that the Commission should look into the jail's process for making these charges, as well as, how the revenues from these calls are being expended.

Ms. Famuyiwa, Commission Staff, will contact County Counsel to find out if it falls within the Commission's purview to request and review the financial records including the telephone charges of the Men's Central Jail. Ms. Famuyiwa will report back at the next meeting.

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3. Treasurer's Report for July 25, 2012. (12-3426)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$666.58.

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for July 25, 2012. (12-3427)

Ms. Famuyiwa, Commission Staff Person, reported that staff is working on updating the Commission's website to reflect current information and biographies of the new Commissioners. She requested those Commissioners who have not submitted their biographies to please do so this week to help facilitate the process. She further urged the Commissioners visit and review the content of the website and advice staff of any changes and/or additional information they would like to be included on the website.

In response to Commissioner Andrew's inquiry about the 2011 SBC Annual Report, Ms. Famuyiwa informed the Commissioners that Commission staff are in the process of completing the 2011 Annual Report. However, since the 2012 Annual Report will become due in a few months, staff would like to combine both the 2011 and 2012 Annual Reports, if it meets the Commission's approval. The Commissioners unanimously concurred that combining both reports will be ideal. The Commissioners will discuss and provide to staff the 2013 SBC Commission's goals.

Furthermore, Ms. Famuyiwa informed the Commission that the follow-up post cards have not been sent to the 2012 scholarship recipients yet. Staff is waiting to include some of the photographs from the scholarship presentation to send to the recipients. The orders for the prints have been made and should be arriving soon.

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on July 25, 2012. (12-3428)

Chairperson Montano, Vice-Chairperson Bacio, Commissioners Andrews, and Bigby, commented on the following Department of Children and Family Services Contract Compliance Monitoring Review Reports:

- **Counseling Research and Associates (Masada Group Home) (2nd & 4th District), Redondo Beach & Lawndale**
- **Casa Editha Foundation Ava-Lyn's Group Home (5th District), Pasadena**
- **Turmont Home for Boys and Girls (2nd & 5th District), Carson & Lancaster**
- **McKinley Children's Center Group Home (5th District), San Dimas**
- **Penny Lane (5th District), North Hills**
- **Pacific Lodge Boy's Home (3rd District), Woodland Hills**
- **Saint Anne's Maternity Home (1st District), Los Angeles**
- **Star View Adolescent Center Community Treatment Facility (4th District),**

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from June 19, 2012 to July 24, 2012. (12-3429)

During the reporting period the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- Chairperson Montano and Commissioner Andrews visited Turnmont Home for Boys - page 43 #2, on July 23, 2012.
- Chairperson Montano and Commissioner Andrews visited Star View Group Home - page 40 #2, on July 24, 2012.
- Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Eggleston Youth Center - page 15 #3, on July 24, 2012.

During the reporting period the following Group Home/Facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

Dorothy Kirby Center was visited by Chairperson Montano and Commissioner Andrews on July 19, 2012. The Commissioners reported that the entire facility was in complete disarray, the male staff on site conducted himself very poorly and unprofessionally, and he did not present the characteristics of a positive role model for the youth in the Center. Both staff on site had no knowledge of the policies and processes of the Center and were unable to answer and or present information requested by the Commissioners. The Commissioners were unable to complete their inspection due to lack of information and/or coordination of the inspection process by the staff. The Commissioners will return for re-inspection.

Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioner Bigby visited Glendale Court on July 19, 2012 and reported the cells need painting, tiles need to be replaced in the female cells and in the hallway, there need to be one more staff person and the Sally Port located in public parking area appears to be unsafe.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-3430)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-3431)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of July 25, 2012. (12-3432)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.